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Modular Aroma-Phased Incense Stick System with Time-Based Segments and Insertable Base

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Title:
Modular Meditation and Sleep Incense Timer with Stackable Timed Scent Segments and Anchoring Wooden Base

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Background:
Traditional incense formats offer little flexibility in duration, aroma sequencing, or structural design. Conventional meditation timers rely on visual or auditory cues (such as alarms or chimes), which can abruptly interrupt deep meditative or hypnagogic states, causing stress, distraction, or cognitive reset. There is a need for a non-digital, scent-based timing system that gently guides users through meditation or sleep stages without cognitive disruption.

This invention introduces a modular incense system that empowers users to build personalized aromatic sequences by connecting distinct scent segments, each calibrated for a specific burn duration. It reimagines incense as both a sensory timer and a ritual construction set.

Field of the Invention:
This invention pertains to incense-based meditation and sleep aids, specifically to a modular, time-calibrated incense stick system that can be assembled by the user using interconnecting joints and an optional aromatic or neutral wooden base.

Summary of Invention:
The invention consists of a series of incense segments, each representing a specific scent and timed burn duration (e.g., 15, 30, 45 minutes). Each segment includes a wooden connector (or needle) at one end and a corresponding socket on the other, allowing for friction-fit stacking without gaps. A bottom anchor piece, shaped like a small wooden cone or cap, serves both as a stand and the final segment in the burn sequence. The topmost segment is fully flush with no protruding wood elements, preserving both aesthetic and burn integrity.

Each module burns sequentially, transitioning between aromas in a user-defined order. This enables structured scent rituals tied to meditation, sleep phases, or creative practice, and creates a visual and symbolic descent through sensory stages.

Detailed Description:

Segment Architecture:

- **Material**: Each segment is formed from a scented incense compound (e.g., oud, sandalwood, blue lotus) mixed with natural binders.
- **Connector**: One end of the segment has an embedded wooden needle for joining.
- **Socket**: Opposite end is slightly softer to receive the needle of the adjoining segment.
- **Time Standardization**: Segments are calibrated to burn for set durations (e.g., 15 min = short; 30 min = medium; 45 min = long) and vary in physical length accordingly.
- **Visual Coding**: Colors or textures may distinguish scent types and time categories.

Base Design:

- A neutral or aromatic cone-shaped wooden base with a top socket receives the final incense segment.
- The base acts as a visual anchor and provides stable upright positioning for the assembled incense structure.

Assembly and Use:

1. User selects and stacks incense modules by inserting the needle end of one into the socket end of another.
2. Stack is completed with insertion into the wooden base.
3. Lighting begins from the top, progressing downward through the sequence.
4. The burn ends with the base as the final scent, or with the extinguishing of the last segment.

Utility Patent Claims:

1. A modular incense timer system comprising:
    - a plurality of incense segments,

- each segment including a wooden connector on one end and a socket on the opposite end,
- wherein each segment comprises a different aromatic composition and is configured to burn for a specific time interval,
- and wherein said segments are joinable in a vertical sequence without gaps.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bottom wooden base shaped as a cone or pedestal with a socket configured to receive and hold the final incense segment.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the connector is made of bamboo, hardwood, or other heat-resistant natural material.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the length of each segment corresponds proportionally to its burn duration.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each incense segment is colored or textured according to its aromatic identity or time classification.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the assembled structure functions as a non-digital aromatic timer for meditation, sleep phasing, or ceremonial ritual.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the top segment lacks an exposed connector and presents a clean ignition surface.

Design Patent Claim:

Title:
Modular Stackable Incense System with Integrated Connector and Tapered Base

We claim the ornamental design of a modular incense stick system comprising:

- A set of cylindrical incense segments with embedded wooden connectors,
- A uniform outer profile when assembled,
- Seamless junctions between connected segments,
- A base shaped as a small cone with a flat bottom,

- An overall taper-free stacked form with distinct color-blocked segments.

Patentability Notes:

- Combines incense timekeeping and scent sequencing with modular construction
- Enables full user customization of scent rituals
- Connector system ensures continuity of burn and aesthetic unity
- Visually expressive and mechanically novel compared to fixed-format incense sticks
- Replaces disruptive alarms and chimes with olfactory cues to support uninterrupted meditative or sleep transitions